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July 27, 2006

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: *Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and
Telecommunications Act § 254(e);
Federal Communication Commission CC Docket No. 96-45*

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This letter is to request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (formerly known as Alltel South Carolina, Inc.) is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost support Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (“Windstream”) will receive in 2007 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, Windstream certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

The FCC’s rules requires that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not received by the FCC on or prior to October 1, 2005, federal support for universal service in the areas serviced by Windstream within South Carolina will not be eligible for support in the first quarter of 2007. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that Windstream is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2006 certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. is in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2007.



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Please let Burney Maybank or I know if you have any questions about this matter. Burney can be reached at 803-771-8900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne E. Melchers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, loopsy "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff
Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire
James E. Spearman, Ph.D.
Burnet R. Maybank, III, Esquire
James White

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Michael D. Rhoda, who deposed and said:

My name is Michael D. Rhoda. I am employed by Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (formerly known as Alltel South Carolina, Inc.) as its Senior Vice President – Wireline Regulatory and Wholesale Affairs. I am an officer of Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (the “Company”) and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina’s certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Windstream South Carolina, Inc. hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Michael D. Rhoda

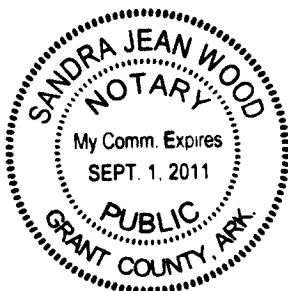
Senior Vice President–Wireline Regulatory & Wholesale Affairs

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Acknowledged before me this 20th day of July 2006, by Michael D. Rhoda, as Senior Vice President – Wireline Regulatory and Wholesale Affairs of Windstream South Carolina, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.


NOTARY PUBLIC

Sandra Jean Wood
Printed Name of Notary



Personally Known ☒
Produced Identification _____
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